

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHURCH SERVICES

If you're a Christian, where else would you want to be than assembled with the saints at every opportunity? This is truly a most revealing question. It reveals the shallow and hollow depth of devotion one has to the Christ who died for us. This question tells on those who desire to be somewhere else.

It is a fact of life that people will engage in whatever activity that pleases them. The bottom line is that basically, people will do what they want to do. If you want to be a faithful Christian, live a godly life and go to heaven when you die, then you will make every effort to accomplish that end. The attitude and heart is sick of one who must be begged, prodded and coaxed to attend the services of the Lord's church!

Second Timothy 2:15 says, "*Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*" To meet at any time with the saints to study the most precious book divine that tells of everlasting life and what to do to obtain it is the desire of everyone who truly wants to go to heaven. One of these days we will all stand before King Jesus to be judged. We study the Scriptures to be approved of God so that we might be found living in accordance with his will when he comes to call all things to an end (Acts 17:30-31).

Second Peter 3:18 tells us, "*But*

grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." This is a command to grow in the KNOWLEDGE of God. How then could anyone refuse to grasp the opportunity to do the very thing we've been commanded to do?!

Seriously, what else on this earth is more important than God, truth and righteousness? Jesus said, "*But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness*" (Matt. 6:33). This is a command.

If we put anything ahead of God, the church, the Bible, godly living, and think we're fine with the Lord, we're in for a rude awakening when we stand before Him in judgment.

We ought to be well aware of how short our time is on this earth (Psalm 89:47). Even though we know it and believe it, it's harder to live like it isn't it? James reminds us with these words, "*...what is your life? It is even a vapour that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. ... Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin*" (James 4:14,17).

Things of the world seem so important to us today, but on judgment day they won't be important at all! No wonder Jesus reveals this great truth: "*what shall a man give in exchange for his soul*" (Matt. 26:16)? How is your soul right now? Are you prepared to meet the Lord?

— *Garland M. Robinson*